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Amendment and Response to Office Action dated April 24, 2007
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REMARKS

By this response, claims 1-5 and 8-19 have been cancelled. Claims 6 and 7 have been amended and remain pending.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 6 and 7 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mittelsteadt (US 6,566,905) in view of Camhi (US 5,430,432). The Examiner indicated that Mittelsteadt discloses a system including a cryptographic co-processing unit.

Claim 6 recites, among other things, a system computer in communication with a system clock and the plurality of sensors that includes at least a cryptographic co-processing unit that encrypts the data the system computer receives from the plurality of sensors and the system clock.

Claim 7 recites, among other things, wherein the system computer further includes a non-volatile memory unit that is operable to destroy the data encrypted by the cryptographic co-processor in a detectable manner if an unauthorized attempt to alter the encrypted data is made.

Mittelsteadt discloses at col. 9, lines 27-34, that the data is only accessible to those with the correct password and that the data is also protected from modification or deletion. Applicants respectfully submit that Mittelsteadt fails to disclose a cryptographic co-processing unit that encrypts the data. Specifically, the mere disclosure of password protection is not a disclosure, teaching or suggestion of encryption.

Even further, Applicants respectfully submit that the mere disclosure of a password is not a disclosure, teaching or suggestion of a non-volatile memory unit that is operable to destroy the data encrypted by the cryptographic co-processor in a detectable manner if an unauthorized attempt to alter the encrypted data is made.


As Mittelsteadt in combination with Camhi fails to disclose each and every embodiment of the claimed invention, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of claims 6 and 7.

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